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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF IMPROPER REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Sir:

In response to a Notice of Improper Request for Continued Examination (RCE), dated April 11, 2007, attached is a copy of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE), along with the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116, which were both filed electronically via the United States Patent and Trademark Office e-business website on March 27, 2007.

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Also attached is an Acknowledgement Receipt from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office confirming that the RCE with the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 were filed on March 27, 2007 and the \$790 RCE fee was charged to IBM Deposit Account No. 09-0457/IBM via RAM with Confirmation No. 1713.

This submission is believed to be timely and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.84 and §1.121. A copy of the Notice of Improper Request for Continued Examination (RCE), dated April 11, 2007, is also attached, as required.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures:

Copies of RCE and Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 filed on March 27, 2007; Copy of Acknowledgment Receipt for same; and copy of Notice of Improper Request for Continued Examination (RCE), dated April 11, 2007, as required.